

**TOWN OF TREMONT
REGULAR SELECTMEN'S MEETING
TREMONT COMMUNITY BUILDING
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2005
6:00 PM**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Alden Gray called the February 14, 2005 meeting of the Selectmen to order at 6:06 PM.

2. ROLL CALL

Present were Chairman Alden Gray, Selectmen Charlie Dillon, Dean Tozier, Town Manager Millard Billings, and Recording Secretary Debbi Nickerson.

Members of the public present were Mel Atherton, Mark Good for the Islander, Chad Smith, James Collier, Brian DeVisme, Beth Lawson, Laurie Schreiber for the Bar Harbor Times, and Bill Trotter for the Bangor Daily News.

3. ADJUSTMENTS/ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion made by Chairman Alden Gray, with second by Selectman Dean Tozier, to move item 7. F. Interview of Candidates for Position of Town Attorney to after 9. Town Manager Report. Motion passed by a show of hands 3-0.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Selectman Dean Tozier, with second by Charlie Dillon, to accept the minutes as written. Motion passed by a show of hands 3-0.

5. APPROVAL OF WARRANTS

Warrant 97	4,337.47
Warrant 98	3,943.26
Warrant 99	3,810.88
Warrant 100	1,029.46
Warrant 101	8,043.25
Warrant 102	3,533.00
Warrant 103	4,472.41
Warrant 104	3,180.85
Warrant 105	102,718.86
Warrant 106	9,076.51
Warrant 107	4,341.79
Warrant 108	12,318.11

Motion made by Selectman Dean Tozier, with second by Charlie Dillon, to accept Warrants 97-108. Motion passed by a show of hands 3-0.

6. POLICE PROTECTION

A. STATE POLICE

Town Manager Millard Billings reported that he has contacted Lieutenant Stewart of the State Police and was told, "The State Police have two candidates that are in the process of going through the back ground checks and then the Colonel will conduct interviews with the candidates." Chairman Alden Gray asked, "Are these academy trained candidates?" Town Manager Billings replied, "They've been through the 100 hour academy course, but they haven't been through the State Police section. So it still will be next fall."

B. HANCOCK COUNTY SHERIFF

Town Manager Millard Billings has talked to the Hancock County Sheriff. The Sheriff told Mr. Billings the option may be available depending on the employment of officers. "Right now he doesn't have a spare officer to fill that position." said Mr. Billings.

C. SOUTHWEST HARBOR POLICE

Town Manager Millard Billings told the Selectmen Southwest Harbor has not closed the door on the option. Selectman Dillion informed the Selectman that Southwest Harbor has a Public Hearing scheduled 2/16/05 that he planned to attend. Town Manager Millard Billings also said he would try to attend. Mr. Billings said he'd be talking to Ken Minier and also asked Mr. Dillion to convey to Southwest Harbor that the requirements in the requests for proposals are negotiable.

D. MOUNT DESERT POLICE

Town Manager Millard Billings explained that in order to get on the agenda in Mt. Desert one of the board members needs to request it. None of the board members in Mt. Desert asked to have the Police Proposal put on the agenda.

E. TREMONT POLICE

Town Manager Millard Billings informed the Selectmen that according to his research start-up cost of an officer, radios and equipment as well as insurance and benefits would run around \$75,000. Dispatch would be separate and come from RCC and Hancock County.

Town Manager Millard Billings told the Selectmen about two letters he had received from Wesley Shaw and Clair Shepley (see attached).

7. NEW BUSINESS

A. TOWN GARAGE SITE PROJECT

Bids received were:

1. John Goodwin Jr., for \$2,494.00
2. Doug Gott, & Sons, Inc., for \$3,395.00
3. Harold Mac Quinn Inc., for \$2,275.00

Motion made by Selectman Charlie Dillon, with second by Selectman Dean Tozier, to accept Harold Mac Quinn's bid of \$2,275.00. Beth Lawson asked why Harold Mac Quinn's bid was accepted over Doug Gott's or John Goodwin's bids,

both of which reside in Tremont. The Selectman explained they are obliged to put jobs out to bid to get the best prices, and the Board generally accepts the lowest price as long as they feel the contractor can perform the job. Motion passed by a show of hands 3-0.

B. RESIGNATIONS

Chairman Alden Gray read letters of resignation into the record (see attached).

Motion made by Selectman Dean Tozier, with second by Selectman Charlie Dillion, to accept Steve Carter's resignation, beginning March 1, 2005, as Animal Control Officer. Motion passed by a show of hands 3-0.

Motion made by Selectman Charlie Dillion, with second by Selectman Dean Tozier, to accept Steve Carter's resignation from the Land Use Ordinance Committee. Motion passed by a show of hands 3-0.

C. APPOINTMENTS

Motion made by Chairman Alden Gray, with second by Selectman Dean Tozier, to advertise for the position of Animal Control Officer for two weeks in the local paper. Motion passed by a show of hands 3-0.

D. REQUEST OF REC COMMITTEE FOR HOOP ADJUSTERS

Brian DeVisme, Chairman of the Rec Board, informed the Selectmen that the 10 foot baskets are too high for the younger children. Mike McEnroe got the bids and raised most of the money for the adjusters. Wight's Sporting Goods in Bangor gave an estimate for \$2,500.00 (+ or -). The Rec Board would like to get them in before Hoop Fest this year to be able to use them. Selectman Charlie Dillion asked, "Does the money raised included installation?" Brian DeVisme answered, "Yes. Mike raised \$2100.00 and I went to the school for the additional \$400.00. Peter Campbell was more then willing."

Motion made by Selectman Dean Tozier, with second by Selectman Charlie Dillion, to approve the request of the Rec Board to install manual height adjusters. Motion passed by a show of hands 3-0.

E. REQUEST FOR SURVEILANCE CAMERAS

Motion made by Selectmen Charlie Dillion, with second by Selectmen Dean Tozier; peruse video cameras for the wharf and the gym in getting quotes for this camera coverage. Motion passed by a show of hands 3-0.

G. DRAFT ADDENDUM TO SOLID WASTE CONTRACT

Motion made by Selectman Charlie Dillion, with second by Selectman Dean Tozier, to table until they have read the contract and can talk to EMR. Motion passed by a show of hands 3-0.

H. THURSTON'S WHARF LIQUOR LICENSE

Motion made by Selectman Charlie Dillion, with second by Selectman Dean Tozier, to renew Thurston's Wharf Liquor License. Motion passed by a show of hands, 3-0.

8. OLD BUSINESS

None

9. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

Town Manager Millard Billings reported:

- A. Mooring bills have been mailed.
- B. Computers have been ordered and arrived Wednesday and were hooked up Monday.
- C. Wharf House ran out of fuel oil and froze the boiler and pipes. Estimate cost of replacement system \$6,000.00.
- D. Wharf Garage ran out of fuel oil but was found in time. A small electric heater was placed in the bathroom to keep it warm enough until the furnace was restarted.
- E. Wharf House and Wharf Garage have been set up for automatic delivery, and he recommended never taking them off automatic delivery again "even if we have to rent them as heated" Town Manager Billings said.
He also said, "Because of missing last weeks meeting after the boiler froze up it was an emergency situation and we needed to get the heat back on in the building so we could get the taping and painting done. We had been in hopes to get the building ready for rent March 1st, but this is going to set us behind on that schedule. But because it was an emergency and we needed the furnace done, I wrote up a proposal for the repairs and gave them to the local heating companies, who submitted bids and we opened them this afternoon." He felt the house would only be about a month behind the March 1st date.
Motion made by Selectman Charlie Dillion, with second by Selectman Dean Tozier, that we send this to the Harbor Committee for their recommendation.
Motion passed by a show of hands 3-0.
- F. Town Landing at Seal Cove appears to be on the north end of the Algerine Coast near the former Fisher property. Town Manager Millard Billings explained that in 1860 there was a town landing some where along the Algerine Coast. The town is trying to determine where the riparian lines are to see if the new pier would interfere with the town's rights (see attached).
- G. Request from Acadia Disposal District. ADD would like the Selectman to delegate them to select our representative to the Municipal Review Committee.
Motion by Selectman Charlie Dillion, with second by Selectman Dean Tozier, to table this mater until the Selectman can talk to ADD. Motion passed by a show of hands 3-0.
- H. Town Manager Millard Billings read from a letter he had received about a suspected drug dealer in Tremont. He passed the information on to the Sheriff's office, who would forward it to the Drug Enforcement Agency.

7. F. INTERVIEW CANDIDATES FOR POSTION OF TOWN ATTORNEY

Motion made by Selectman Dean Tozier, with second by Selectman Charlie Dillion, to go into Executive Session to interview candidates for the position of Town Attorney, Title 1, MRSA 405 section 6A, to discuss employment,

appointment, and/or compensation of personnel. Motion passed by a show of hands 3-0. The Selectman entered Executive Session an 7:30 PM.

Motion made by Selectman Dean Tozier, with second by Selectman Charlie Dillion, to come out of Executive Session at 8:10 PM. Motion carried by a show of hands 3-0.

Motion made by Selectman Charlie Dillion, with second by Selectman Dean Tozier, to elect Chad Smith as the Town Attorney. Motion passed by a show of hands 3-0.

10. SUGESTIONS/COMMENTS FOR NEXT MEETING

None

11. OTHER

None

12. SET DATE FOR NEXT MEETING

March 7, 2005

13. ADJOURN

Motion by Selectman Dean Tozier, with second by Selectman Charlie Dillion, to adjourn. Motion passed by a show of hands 3-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Debbi Nickerson

Alden Gray

Steve Harper

Scott Grierson

Charlie Dillon

Dean Tozier